HUDCO projects for providing houses to weaker section

1832. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects in the country at the end of last year sanctioned and controlled by HUDCO providing houses to economically weaker and low income sections; and

(b) the total investment on these projects and their performance during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Since inception and upto 31st December, 1988, HUDCO has sanctioned 5770 number of projects with project cost of Rs. 4747 crores and HUDCO's loan conmmitment of Rs. 3101 crores covering houses for all categories. As per the existing pattern of financing, 55% of annual loan allocations are earmarked for EWS/LIG. Loans sanctioned so far is expected to generate dwelling units of about 27 lakhs for EWS/LIG.

(b) During the year 1987-88, HUDCO has sanctioned 650 projects with project cost of Rs. 740 crores and HUDCO's loan amount of Rs. 497 crores. This will help construction of 301075 dwelling units of which 271916 are for EWS/LIG.

Sale of granulated SSP and NPK mixture

1833. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that granulated SSP (Single Super Phosphate) and NPK mixture are being sold for DAP fertilizer in many parts of the country at the stalls of the private dealers;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering the ban on manufacture of granulated SSP and NPK mixture or fix a particular colour for them; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) A few cases of sale of SSP/NPK mixtures as DAP have been reported.

(b) and (c) Colouring of granulated SSP and NPK mixtures has not been found to be practicable. However, to check the sale of granulated SSP and NPK mixtures as DAP or as high analysis fertilisers/complexes, the State Governments/UTs have been urged to organise vigilant systems for checking the quality of fertilisers being produced by various manufacturers.

New variety of salinity resistant paddy

1834. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute Scientists have invented a variety of paddy which can resist the salinity of the soil and water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the variety is also high yielding one; and

(d) if so, the estimated cost of cuiltivation/production per hactare and the yield tiierefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise.